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(*d*) whether appeal lies to Government from the orders of the Provincial Motor Transport Controller in regard to permits for the purchase of new cars; and

(*e*) whether the Government will place on the table of the House a list of priorities prepared for guidance of the Provincial Motor Transport Controller?

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) The general principle observed is that those in most need of a car should be given priority. Preference is given to those who need a car, but have no car or are willing to place their car at the disposal of the Provincial Motor Transport Controller for sale at a price calculated on the basis of the Used Motor Vehicles Control Order.

" (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative. No specific definition of essentiality has been laid down but the principle is as given in answer to (*a*).

" (*c*) Government issued instructions in some cases to give priority to certain individuals based on grounds of essentiality.

" (*d*) No appeal as such lies to the Government, but it is open to Government to review any case of refusal.

" (*e*) No list of priorities has been prescribed. Each case is decided on merits."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Now that the permit system has gone, I do not propose to pursue the question by putting any supplementaries."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" In fact, I wanted to ask the hon. member whether he would put the question at all."

Pension to retired peons.

* 104 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state with reference to answer to question No. 51 answered on 11th September 1946, whether the Government have under consideration the question allowing peons who have retired from service before the decision of Government to sanction half their emoluments as pension was announced, to draw their pensions also on the same basis?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" The question referred to is not under the consideration of the Government.

" According to the existing orders, the concession of pension equal to half the average emoluments of the peons has effect from 1st January 1946, that is, it does not apply to those who retired prior to 1st January 1946."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, in view of the fact that the amount of pension is Rs. 6 per mensem whatever might have been the salary the peon was drawing at the time of retirement and as increased emoluments in the shape of pension are available to those who retire after 1st April 1946, why

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not this benefit be extended to also in respect of those who retired before 1st April 1946 for, after all, the number of people who will be affected will be very very small? Will the Government consider this suggestion? "

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" I shoud be inclined to do so."

Pension to peons who retired before 27th April 1946.

* 105 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answer to question No. 51 given on the 11th September 1946 and the supplementary questions and answers on the same, will the Hon'ble the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the question of allowing peons, who retired before 27th April 1946 also to draw pension equal to half their average emoluments during the last three years of their service as against a pension of Rs. 6 per mensem for which they are now eligible ;

(*b*) whether the Government have accepted the recommendation of the Salaries Committee to treat peons as superior for purposes of pension ;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) as in the affirmative, whether rules governing pension in respect of superior services will be applicable to peons also ;

(*d*) whether any revision in the salaries of peons has been ordered ; and

(*e*) whether in view of the increased cost of living, travelling allowances granted to peons will also be revised?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM :—" (*a*) The answer to this clause has been given to question No. 104.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The rules governing pension in respect of Government servants in superior service are not applicable to peons, who continue to be classed as in inferior service. But the Cabinet Salaries Committee, 1946, has recommended that the rates and rules regarding gratuities should be liberalized, and the recommendation has been accepted by the Government. The Government have also accepted the recommendation of the Committee that provision should be made for permitting inferior servants to retire from service at their option after reaching the age of 55 years or after they have rendered 30 years qualifying service, if the head of the office certifies to their incapacity for further public service.

" (*d*) The Government have decided to enhance the scale of pay of peons to Rs. 16–$\frac{1}{2}$ (annual)–25.

" (*e*) the Government have already increased from time to time the rates of travelling allowance admissible to peons in consideration of the increase in the cost of living brought about by